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*By Brendan Jordan*

The sun collects in blueglass bolts—  
the photons freeze in jars  
like comets nighttime plucked and hid  
past purple alder boughs,

I burn them all. I chuck the wood  
around the gleaming heap  
of spilled-out marbles, worn or chipped—  
you left them when you left

and now they spark, spit up their dregs  
to vanish in the dark  
recalling holes you punched in lids  
where fireflies leaked out.

I pour the coals to death. My steps  
retreat beyond the road.  
Above the dirt and branches, years  
erase themselves like smoke.